

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 83

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A RESOLUTION A resolution urging the department of safety to study the need for a state-wide policy of minimum standards of fresh pursuit.

WHEREAS, simultaneous and overlapping interstate and intrastate jurisdictions, multi-agency task forces, and modern communications, have led to an ever-increasing number of incidents between multiple law enforcement agencies and jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, investigative and vehicular pursuits crossing numerous jurisdictions and state lines and multi-agency critical-incident responses to in-progress crimes are increasingly frequent occurrences; and

WHEREAS, because Tennessee lacks a state-wide policy on fresh pursuit, these incidents can often lead to dangerous situations for both law enforcement officers and citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon this State to investigate the need for a state-wide policy on fresh pursuit that will allow law enforcement officers from any jurisdiction to apprehend suspects safely without endangering the lives of themselves and the general public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Department of Safety, in consultation with the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, the Tennessee Sheriff's Association, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, is requested to study the need for a state-wide minimum-standards policy on fresh pursuit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department consider the need for compatible communications systems among the State's jurisdictions, determine procedures for coordinating operations with other out-of-state jurisdictions and agencies, and develop guidelines for determining when the interests of public safety and effective law enforcement justify a vehicular pursuit and when a vehicular pursuit should not be initiated or should be terminated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of safety shall complete the study and report its findings to the house and senate committees on judiciary and transportation no later than January 15, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.